

## Preschool Small Group Day 3

### Keep Your Eyes on It

#### SUPPLIES PROVIDED:

1 play scarf per child

#### SUPPLIES NEEDED:

Fun preschool music

#### WHAT YOU DO:

Give everyone a play scarf. Show them how to gently toss their scarf in the air and catch it as it floats back down. Next, encourage them to try and toss their scarf in the air, spin around once, and then catch it. End your time with a few moments of scarf dancing as you play your favorite preschool songs.

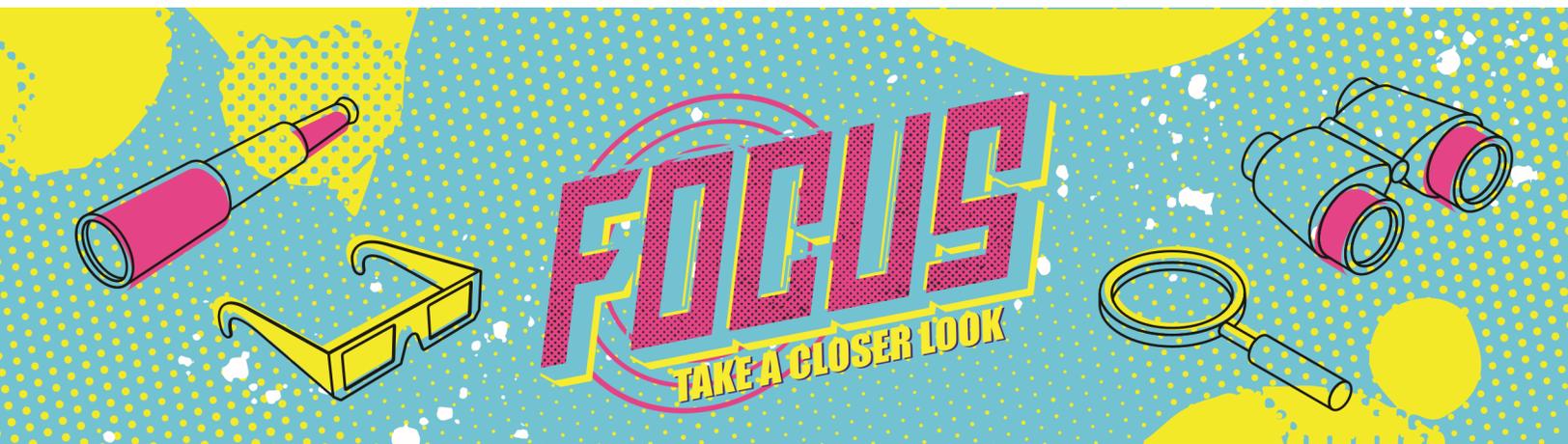
*(Note: Play songs with slow, medium, and fast tempos. Encourage the children to move with the sound.)*

#### WHAT YOU SAY:

"I have a super fun game for us to play! Everyone gets a scarf. (Distribute scarves.) Does everyone have a scarf? Wave it in the air so I can see. Great! This is how you play the game. It's very important that you keep your eyes on your scarf. That way when you toss your scarf in the air . . . (demonstrate) . . . you can catch it! Or when you toss it and spin . . . (demonstrate) . . . you can catch it. Ta-da! You try it! And remember to keep your eyes on the scarf."

*(While they toss and spin with their scarves, encourage them and say, "Keep your eyes on your scarf.")*

"We kept our eyes on our scarves to play the game, but our memory verse (Hebrews 12:2 NIV) reminds us to keep looking to Jesus. We keep our eyes on Jesus because He loves us AND He wants to be our friend forever! Who wants to be your friend forever? Jesus wants to be my friend forever!"



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### Can You Do It?

#### SUPPLIES PROVIDED:

No supplies needed

#### WHAT YOU DO:

*During the Activity:* Gather the children in the activity area. Lead them to repeat this month's verse as they follow the movements you indicate below.

- Jump
- Jumping jacks
- Pat head
- Stomp
- Clap
- March

"Let us keep looking to Jesus." Hebrews 12:2, NIV

#### WHAT YOU SAY:

Before the Activity: "Friends, come stand with me! We've been learning an awesome verse this week. It says: Let us (thumbs to chest) keep looking (hands to eyes like binoculars and look around) to Jesus (both hands pointing up), Hebrews 12:2." (Open hands like a book.)

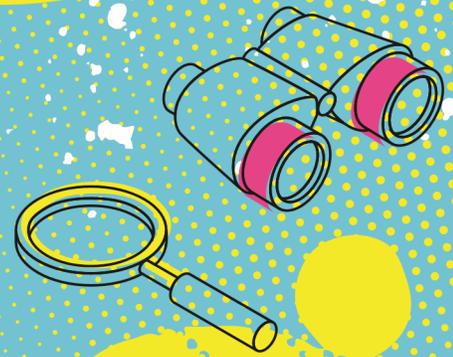
During the Activity: "Now, let's see if you can say the verse while you move in different ways. Can you say it while you jump? Let's try." (Repeat the verse several more times with the movements indicated above.)

After the Activity: "Nice moves, friends! We should keep looking to Jesus because Jesus is the best friend ever! Tell me: Who wants to be your friend forever? [Bottom Line] Jesus wants to be my friend forever."



# FOCUS

TAKE A CLOSER LOOK



## Preschool Small Group Day 3

### Journal and Prayer

#### SUPPLIES PROVIDED:

Notebook, crayons or markers

#### SUPPLIES NEEDED:

Bible

#### WHAT YOU SAY:

(Open the Bible and lay it where the children can see it.)

"Today's story was the best story EVER! Jesus came to live in the world. He did things only He can do. He died and then He came back, just like He said He would. Lots of people saw Jesus and talked with Jesus and ate food with Jesus after He came back. Some of those people wanted everyone to know that Jesus is alive, so they wrote it down and now we can read what they wrote in the Bible. All we have to do is look!

"Do you remember why Jesus died and came back? (Pause.)

"Jesus died and came back because He wants to be your friend forever. Who wants to be your friend forever? Jesus wants to be my friend forever! "Let's say it louder! Who wants to be your friend forever? Jesus wants to be my friend forever! Yes! Jesus is the best friend we will ever have.

"Today we are going to do something very special in our prayer journal. Get ready!"

"Let's write down our names. Then, I want you to draw a heart by your name and say, 'Jesus loves me!' Do you know why we are going to do that? Because Jesus loves you (point to each person) so much, He died and came back and wants to be your friend forever." (Write each person's name and help them draw a heart next to it.)

"Yay! Jesus loves (say each person's name), and He wants to be your friend forever! Let's pray and thank God for Jesus."

#### PRAYER

"Dear God, thank You, thank You, thank You for Jesus! Thank You for the people who saw Him and talked with Him and ate food with Him after He came back. Thank You that they wrote down what they saw so we can know Jesus is alive and wants to be our friend forever, too. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."